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Bomb unit called after dynamite unearthed

By Greg Huneault
the News

Members of the OPP Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU) were pressed into action on Thursday, May 26 after 90 sticks of dynamite were unearthed during the repair of a water line near the Kimberly-Clark weigh scale.

Chief Don Kidder of the Terrace Bay Police Department said the explosives were exposed during a regular construction project.

He stressed that the explosives had been buried at the site for "at least 15 years." Sources said that rumours began circulating throughout the day as to the origin and purpose of the dynamite.

Chief Kidder strongly stressed that the explosives had been buried for years and possibly "were left there by a cement production company."

In a joint effort by Terrace Bay and Schreiber OPP constables, the area was sealed off and secured. Traffic was halted at north and

south road blocks on Mill Road as a precautionary measure while officials awaited the arrival of the EDU.

Chief Kidder told the *News* the sticks of dynamite were "encased in one case and deteriorated by disintegration."

Gerry Withers, head of security Kimberly-Clark's mill, said the discovery and disposal of the dynamite had no effect on operations.

The dynamite was neutralized and burned off. Chief Kidder said the dynamite requires some type of percussion or shock to set it off, usually provided by blasting caps. Officials stated there were no blasting caps found at the site.

Chief Kidder reminds the public to contact the police if they discover "anything that appears to be an explosive."

Should someone discover a cache of explosives, they ought to keep people back and make no effort to handle the find. Old explosives may become chemically unstable and react instantaneously.



Two drivers of a tractor-trailer escaped serious injury when their unit drove onto the shoulder of Highway 17 and flipped over. The accident occurred on the Wednesday morning, May 25. The transport, loaded with beef, wiped out a light pole on the east-bound lane before it came to a rest by the Terrace Bay District MNR building.

Police said the two occupants of the tractor were treated at the hospital for minor injuries and released. Police directed traffic around the scene as the beef was loaded into another transport truck, while officials waited for equipment to right the tractor trailer. The unit, estimated to be \$100,000, was completely damaged.

photo by Greg Huneault

Students finish study of needs and services for local handicapped

By Greg Huneault
the News

The students of Lake Superior High School's Man in Society class have gained a new insight into problems fac-

ing local handicapped residents. They recently completed a detailed project which examined accessibility for physically handicapped people in Schreiber and Terrace Bay. Students surveyed various public and private buildings in the two towns using an 'accessibility compliance checklist.'

The checklist contained comprehensive questions looking at such considerations as: parking lots; entrances/exits; accessible washrooms; drinking fountains and public telephones.

The study was done at the request of the local Disability Action Group (DAG).

DAG President Shirley Mikus said the purpose of the request was two-fold. The group wanted a resource booklet for present and

With National Accessibility and Awareness week being held from May 29 to June 4, the local study is a community issue

visitors. She said the booklet would provide information on accessibility of various businesses and buildings, so those needing this information would have it readily available.

The second purpose for the study was to develop and increase awareness and knowledge in the students of the handicapped as well as frail citizens in Terrace Bay and Schreiber.

Doug Roberts, the teacher of the Man in Society class, said the study was beneficial and did develop an increased awareness in the students.

"It's a good way of getting a greater insight...a greater appreciation and understanding of what it means to be handicapped," Roberts said.

Sue Kinney, one of the students involved in the study, agrees. "When did you ever think of the disabled before?" she asked as she looked at the other girls in the

Huezo family moves from Schreiber to Thunder Bay

By Greg Huneault
the News

It has been a long trip from El Salvador to Schreiber for Miguel Huezo and his family. It was a little longer when they decided to move to Thunder Bay about three weeks ago.

The family's reunion was featured exclusively in the April 13 edition of the *News*. Miguel Antonio Huezo, a refugee from El Salvador, had moved to Schreiber after fleeing his homeland because of political persecution. The Schreiber Refugee Committee sponsored Miguel for a period of one year.

Miguel's family remained in their homeland, where his wife Dora cared for the couple's eight children. She tended to their needs alone for three years.

The mother and her children were allowed to emigrate to Canada, and Miguel embraced his wife, sons and daughters in the basement of St. John's Anglican Church in Schreiber on the chilly morning of April 9.

There was an immediate outpouring of compassion and donations from area residents, and plans were established by Schreiber Refugee Committee to get the family settled in their own residence as

Shortly after the family settled in, each member underwent a regular medical examination. Schreiber Refugee Committee members believe the decision of the family to relocate was based on the results of those medical tests.

Chairman Bill Campbell told the *News* neither he nor the other members of the Schreiber Refugee Committee expected this development.

"It came as a surprise to us. We had no idea there were problems," Campbell admitted.

In a letter sent to the *News* last week, committee member Art Leblanc noted that Miguel's family "has chosen to relocate in Thunder Bay for better medical attention and specialized schooling for one of the children."

Campbell said Immigration officials from Thunder Bay began visiting the family about three weeks ago to discuss relocating for improved medical services.

"They (Immigration officials) explained the benefits they would have in Schreiber as compared to the benefits they could have in Thunder Bay," Campbell told the *News*. "It was a decision made by the Huezos."

Campbell said Miguel was hired by CP Rail on May 12 and is working on a curve gang by

with his family on his days off although he plans to keep Schreiber as his employment base.

Despite the unexpected move, Campbell feels the family acted responsibly.

"I think it was a good move on their part," he stated. "Not that there's anything wrong with services in our town, but with the specialized care needed we just couldn't supply them with it."

Leblanc and Campbell moved the family to Thunder Bay on May 14. In the back of the rented truck, all the donated clothing and possessions were neatly packed and secured.

"That's what's going to see them through in the next couple of years," Campbell said of the food, clothing and other possessions donated by area residents.

The *News* contacted an official at the Thunder Bay Immigration office, who referred inquiries to the Employment section. A recording at the employment section asked that a message be left, and the *News* could not contact officials before deadline.

"This has been a rich and rewarding experience for our association," said Leblanc. "If we can elicit interest and support for sponsoring someone else less fortunate, we will give it very serious consid-